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Roger O. WILLIAMS et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
CONTROLLING THE FREE SURFACE OF  
LIQUID IN A WELL PLATE

Examiner: D. Handy

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004 (Paper No. 06262004) for which a response was due July 29, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 29, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.